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KINSMEN APPROVE PARK PLANS

The Bassano Kinsmen Club held its regular meeting in the Imperial Hotel on Monday evening, with 24 members and one visitor, Howard Poole of Brooks, attending. It was thought the lower than usual attendance was caused by members attending the Bonspiel at the curling rink.

A suitable plan for the park at the Bassano swimming pool was submitted by John Bacon, which was tentatively approved by the membership.

The committee in charge of the Notice Board reported that the board was completed and was now in place at the west end of Main Street. The committee in charge of the Notice Board are: Leo Grose, Ron Hedstrom and John Bacon.

Four members, Ernest Coles, Bob Stiles, Richard Bingham and Goldie Smith, attended the Kinsmen zone conference at Medicine Hat recently. They report that a good time was had by all.

The Executive of the club wishes to remind all members that 1x4 boards for the farmer's signs should be delivered to the Town warehouse as soon as possible.

ART SIMPSON'S GAME GOES F-F-FT

Art Simpson held the edge on points throughout the final game of the Brier game for the Alberta curling championship held at Edmonton on Saturday and it was not until the final rock was played on the 12th end that the 1958 Alberta Curling champion was crowned.

A combination of skillful curling and rink generalship had given Simpson an advantage during most of the game and the final end started with the score tied 5-5 and Simpson to throw the last rock. Simpson, however, missed his shot and allowed his opponent, Matt Baldwin, to count 2, Baldwin thus winning the game and the Alberta championship with a 7-5 score. This is the third year that Simpson has met Baldwin in the Alberta curling finals and the third time that Baldwin has gained the decision.

Earl Varty, lead; Ralph Burrows, second; and Norm Dalsto, third were the other members of Simpson's rink.

CHURCH FILM EXPOSES DRUG TRAFFIC

The film "Assassin of Youth" will be shown at the Bassano Evangelical Free Church on Saturday evening, February 22nd at 8:00 p.m. Dr. R.J. Devine of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is the producer of this film, will introduce it.

The film is an exposé of the increasing traffic in "reefer" or doped cigarettes made from Marihuana and peddled to children of school age.

Every parent ought to see this educational and instructive film.

MEN'S BONSPIEL UNDER WAY

Well known curlers from Gem, Rosemary, Bassano and Brooks were on hand at the Bassano Curling Rink on Monday to help get the men's bonspiel off to a good start. A total of 33 rinks entered the competitions and had progressed to the "eights" at press time.

It is expected that the 'spiel will be completed by Saturday night.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING ON MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Bassano Home and School Association will be held in the High School auditorium on Monday, February 24th, starting at 8:00 p.m. A play put on by the High School students will highlight the meeting.

CONSTABLE WARNS OF TOWN SHOOTING

Town Constable Pat Carruthers reports that a few cases of window breaking and damage to electric light insulators by 22 rifles and BB guns has occurred in Bassano lately.

He states that it is unlawful for anyone to discharge a gun or rifle in Town and any person over the age of 16 may be prosecuted if he is caught at it. Those under 16 will likely lose their artillery if caught shooting and will have some explaining to do if they are seen carrying guns around the Town.

OUR CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Evensong - 3:00 p.m.

Rector - Rev. G.P. Chant.

BASSANO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer - 11:40 a.m.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Leon A. Tiebe.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Prayer - 11:00 a.m.

Minister - Rev. Hector Rose.

CALF CLUB DANCE MAKES PROFIT

About 200 people attended the St. Valentine dance held in the Bassano Hall on Friday evening and everyone reported a good time. The dance was sponsored by the Bassano 4-H Calf Club and \$40.00 was cleared on the entertainment. The music was supplied by Vance Caperon.

TOWN TOPICS

The Bassano Catholic Women's League are planning to hold a Bake Sale in the Pioneer Meat Market on Saturday, April 5th.

Town employees had more than usual trouble in locating a leak in the water line servicing the Bassano School. After digging in several places on Monday and Tuesday and still unable to find the break in the pipe, an S.O.S. call was sent to Brooks for a jack hammer to break up the frost. The leak was located and repaired on Wednesday.

The Infant and Child Health Clinic will be held in the Gem School at Gem on Friday, February 28th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

If you wonder where everybody is these days, just look around the Bassano Curling Rink. The business may go bust, the baby may cry and the dishes may not get washed but the Bonspiel must go on!

According to Peter J. Keller, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Medicine Hat, the Bassano Town Hall will be the polling station for the Bassano district of the Federal election to be held on March 31st.

The local enumerator, James Rennie, has already posted the preliminary copy of the voter's list at the Kinsmen's Notice Board.



SNOW CAVE HIDEAWAY — If this is the home of Sputnik No. 3 it's a well-hidden hideaway. Up in the sub-Arctic near Fort Churchill, Man., Sgt. Tommy Claxton, Iroquois, Ont., carves a door for his snow cave. Along with other soldiers he's learning how to travel and survive in the Arctic.

—Canadian Army photo.



EXPERT SHOVELLER — Cpl. Dick Carratt of Delburne, Alta., will be a valuable man around the house any winter from now on. He's certainly passed all his trade tests in shoveling snow while training near Fort Churchill, Man. Cpl. Carratt has been taking an Arctic instructor's course at the Arctic base.—Canadian Army photo.

Davidson Fire Brigade first in Fire Prevention contest

Chief Johnny Stulberg received word that the entry of the Davidson Fire Brigade won a first place award in the 1957 National Fire Protection Association contests for Saskatchewan.

Readers will recall mention of a scrap book being compiled late last fall, depicting the year's efforts of the Davidson Fire Brigade, in fire prevention. This at-

Your presence, please!

One of the main organizations for promoting undertakings beneficial to any community, is the Board of Trade, or, as some people tag it, The Chamber of Commerce. In Stoughton such an organization seems to come to life spasmodically, chiefly when some pressing need is required for a group of business personnel to express a collective opinion; then, in a few weeks, some form of sleeping tablets seem to be applied to quieten the progress promoters for a while again.

In every Canadian community there is an important place for a leading body of citizens to regularly be in place to promote with authority individual enterprises which are for the betterment of the community and the dominion as a whole, and to encourage such enterprises. That is why Stoughton Board of Trade is calling a meeting Thursday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall. Everybody is asked to attend and after the meeting do their best to keep an active group alive.—The Times, Stoughton, Sask.

Nova Scotia had the first parliamentary government in Canada when a 22-member elected Assembly met at Halifax in 1758.

\$10,000 Yearly saving to ratepayers

Instead of taxpayers paying as high as \$15,611.10 for school bus transportation as they did in 1954 to a privately owned bus business, taxpayers paid but \$5,875.07 including depreciation, last year, by owning their own buses.

The saving to hard-pressed school supporters is just short of \$10,000, which should be more than enough saving to settle the question in some people's minds as to the logic of the Board's move to buy its own buses. —The Mercury, Rodney, Ont.

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Editorials

Canadian Weekly Newspapers

(These are not necessarily the views of the editor of this paper)

A friendly town... but too busy

(The Clarion, Kindersley, Sask., Nov. 28, 1957)

We heard a man say the other day that, before coming here, he'd been told that Kindersley was an extremely friendly town and that, after living here for a couple of years, he'd concluded that it would be if the people weren't so busy. He says he's sure his neighbor is a friendly fellow because he always nods and smiles as they meet each other in the evening on their way to different meetings.

It's a long time since we first heard the complaint that our town was over-organized and a great many organizations have been formed since. We know that nearly all the capable folk in town are constantly being badgered to join this organization or that one or two accept this or that executive position and that many of them have found that yielding to all requests soon leaves them loaded down with so many jobs that they can't do any of them properly and every time they come up for air they find their respective wives or husbands screaming that the home fires are going out and how about staying home some night and fetching a bucket of coal.

But which of our numerous organizations are the superfluous ones? It would take more courage than we possess to risk an opinion even if we felt competent to advance one.

We think there is definitely a problem here, perhaps not exclusive with Kindersley but possibly more acute here than elsewhere. The solution, if there is one, lies, we think, with individuals. Each must come to realize that he can't carry the whole world on his shoulders and that some other things (home life, for instance) are as important as committee meetings. The next step is to decide how many organizations he (or she) can usefully serve, pick that number from among the multitude and drop out of the rest. The most worthwhile organization will survive because they will appear on the must list of the greatest number of capable people. It may be that all will survive for no one is indispensable and we're sure part of the trouble is that many folk who could serve sit back and leave it to the ones who are more willing. It might well be that, if the chips were down they would come forward rather than see their favorite organization perish. In any case we think the result would be more effective work done by all surviving organizations and a happier home life for some of the folk who are carrying too big a load just now. R.S.H.

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Let's hurry that trip to Russia

(The Gazette, Grand Forks, B.C.)

The latest outrage, the latest violation of private property and threatening of human life will be forgotten very quickly—the CPR tracks are repaired, the passengers home.

To those of us who live in Grand Forks and district it's a pretty common occurrence. To those who live elsewhere, it is a news item for the papers, radio and TV to be seen and forgotten with the comment—they're at it again up in the backwoods.

But several people narrowly missed death last Monday night. The idiot, or fanatic, whoever he may be, was very close to murder as those who were on the train or any who visited the scene of the wreck can testify. A 300 foot drop was only averted by a few feet.

The crime will be investigated, and perhaps solved. More likely it will be forgotten. But there will still be those who will wonder—where next? Railway line or business block. Gas pipeline or West Kootenay pole line.

And sooner or later someone will die—murdered by the brainless wonders who dream up the plots and the adult children who carry them out.

We sympathize with RCMP and CPR police who are attempting to solve the case. They meet no co-operation from many residents of the district and have only the slimmest of clues to work on.

Perhaps the best we can hope for is that Mr. Moosel-sky and friends are successful and encourage the emigration of the Sons of Freedom to Russia. Even if they don't do the bombing it will certainly help to be able to eliminate 2,500 potential bombers and make the discovery that much easier, if it is not them doing it. But we think moving them will eliminate the terrorists.

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Sound progress

(The News, Tillsonburg, Ontario)

One of the most important national gains we have made with greater population has been in the improvement of opportunities for young people in the smaller centres. Not so long ago most of the young people leaving school had to go elsewhere to look for employment. Now most of them find work right at home.

Most Canadian towns and cities are double the population of three or four decades back. And with the increase in population have come more jobs, not only for school but for college graduates, too. Before this growth there was much complaint from the smaller centres about the way they were educating young people at heavy expense only to lose them to the big cities. Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver were filled with people who had grown up and were educated in the smaller places. It is a different story today.

Canadians will be happier and healthier and Canada will be stronger with the population spread more evenly. Far better a hundred cities of 25,000 than one of 2.5 million.

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THE OBSERVER

BY HUGH PEARCE

Quite a furore has been created in the Stand-off Hutterite Colony near Fort MacLeod by the application for Canadian citizenship by one of its members, Big Andy Wipf. The manager of the colony states that Big Andy's action is not approved by the colony.

I maintain that Canada is far too lenient with its citizenship requirements. Many countries, including the United States, will allow immigration on a quota basis but require the new settlers to take the Oath of Allegiance to their adopted country in due course. Apparently such is not the case in Canada. There are cases right here in the Bassano district where citizens of the U.S.A. have lived here for the past 40 years and still owe their allegiance to the U.S. instead of Canada. Their excuse - they might wish to return to the U.S. to retire some day! Hutterites and similar colonies are nothing more than a small section of a foreign country situated on Canadian soil in many instances and with, in some cases, predominantly foreign sympathy and anti-Canadian sentiments.

I think the time has come for the Canadian Government to view the whole question of citizenship more objectively. One of the requirements of immigration should be that each immigrant must take the Oath of Allegiance to Canada within five years after arrival, be prepared to give a good and sufficient reason why they have not done so or get out of Canada. I would also urge the granting of full citizenship rights and privileges to the Indians of Canada. Allow him to make his own way in the world by discontinuing the present system of government molly-coddle on reservations, allow him to vote and to hold public office and to take his place as a citizen of Canada instead of being merely government property, allow him to be gradually assimilated with the people of Canada instead of being merely a poor but proud exhibit of "the noble red man". This, of course, could not be done over night. But it will never come to pass unless a start is made in that direction sooner or later. Why not start now?

VOX POPULI

Editor - The Bassano Herald;

Your readers will appreciate these facts and figures pertaining to the grain business at this station.

Up to February 15, 1958, 141,000 bushels of all grains have been marketed. Of this, 93,000 bushels was wheat and the remaining 48,000 bushels was made up of pearling barley, flax and rye. Seventy Five carloads of grain have been shipped out since August 1st, 1957 crop year commenced.

These figures cover the handlings by the two elevators - the handling being based on the three bushel quota plus the initial units deliverable.

We expect a total of six bushels will be delivered on the specified acres, which for 1957-58 are 31,896 acres.

The protein content of the 1957 crop is good, 13.7% to 14.9% with the odd sample even better than this. The average, though, is around 14.4%.

Farmers are warned that 1957 grown flax should be tested for germination before seeding. Reports indicate a low germination test on a lot of 1957 flax samples.

Yours sincerely,
George Mashford.

Mary had a little cash,
She kept it in her hose,
And everywhere that Mary went
Her friends all said, It shows".
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And there she wisely hid it,
Which brought her far more interest -
Or did it?

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Pioneer Lodge ready for applications

At a meeting of the directors of Prairie Pioneers' Lodge, Swift Current, final plans were put underway for the important prelude to the actual opening of the \$900,000 senior citizens home which should be partially occupied, at least, by the end of March or early April.

The meeting, presided over by Chairman Jack McIntosh, heard a report of the allocations committee headed by Leonard Corrigan and adopted its recommendations that application forms to the various municipalities be returned for screening, in order of priority, in time for a meeting in Swift Current on March 15. All applications for admission to Prairie Pioneers' Lodge must be made to secretaries of municipalities, who have the necessary forms, and this should be done as soon as possible.

In an effort to establish some uniformity in the screening of applicants, the following factors will determine priority: financial, social, age and physical ability.

Rates to be paid by those admitted to the Lodge will be \$67 a month for a single occupant in the main lodge, and, where a couple are housed in the lodge, it will be \$62 a month, each. Those occupying quarters in the lodge will have everything provided.

The rate for occupancy in one of the cottages will be \$26 a month for a couple, plus cost of light and water.

The main hostel will accommodate 72 persons and 148 is the capacity of the self-contained cottages, a total of 222 people.

The committee discussed landscaping of the project, which is situated on the Southside. Trees will be furnished and planted by Vern Blanke, well known district farmer, as a memorial to his father, the late Henry Blanke, one of the pioneers in beautification of farms, tree-planting and fruit-growing in this area. This work will be started as soon as weather conditions permit.

The Board decided to advertise for a matron and secretary-manager as first members of the official staff to be hired for administration of the project.

The Board has asked all media of publicity in the area to assist in stressing the fact that application forms for the Prairie Pioneer Lodge are now in the hands of secretaries and municipalities and at the city clerk's office in Swift Current, and those who seek admission will have to fill them out, which in turn, will have to be screened by the municipalities to determine priority. They will then be sent to the committee in Swift Current, which will deal with the applications on Saturday, March 15.—The Sun, Swift Current, Sask.

Co-Op ladies donate money for artificial ice skating rink

Wives of members of the Co-op store have turned over \$42.75, proceeds of a bake sale held last Saturday, to the Castlegar and District Projects Society earmarking it for artificial ice.—The News, Castlegar, B.C.

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MEN OF VISION Men who opened the eyes of the world



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"Master of the Black Arts"

Roger Bacon, thirteenth century monk, was probably the first man in the world who discovered that people could read better by making the letters look larger with a magnifying glass. Thus he was a remote forerunner of spectacles.

True, most modern spectacles don't rely so much on making things look larger, as clearer. They correct the defects of the eye, so that it sees as it should. Nevertheless, Bacon was on the right track.

No one knows just how Bacon made his wonderful discovery. Perhaps it came in the course of his experiments with alchemy, astrology, and magic. For though he was a hard-boiled skeptic and

Bowden Institute topic of address

A successful experiment at Bowden on prison reform which places emphasis on rehabilitation instead of punishment was outlined by M. A. Letersky at the regular monthly meeting of the Lacombe and district Home and School Association.

Mr. Letersky stated that there are now 213 boys at Bowden. Of this number, 54 are juveniles (aged 12 to 16) and the remainder young adults (ages 16 to 25).

Bowden is an "open" penal institution. There are no bars, no guns, no guards. Administration is carried on through an "honor system". The speaker acknowledged that some individuals committed to Bowden are "not ready to accept what is offered," but despite the lenient restrictions, percentage of runaways is only eight percent.

The juveniles are given a school program and athletics from September to June, between rising at 7:00 a.m., and "lights out" at 10:00 p.m. Arrangements are made to transfer the boys to a summer camp in July and August.

The young adults are encouraged to learn trades. Vocational training is given in cooking, barbershop, welding, tinsmithing, mechanics, carpentry, etc.

The first group of young adults arrived at Bowden from Lethbridge jail in May, 1951. While it is early to assess the results of the Bowden "experiment", Mr. Letersky said, they are encouraging to date.

Interesting program

School principal Henri Forges gave a report on the parent-teacher interviews at the Lacombe school.

Albert Bruns gave a good report on the all-day home-and-school workshop held Saturday, January 11.—The Globe, Lacombe, Alta.

SEPARATE TIME ZONE
The Yukon Territory is in a separate standard time zone and clocks in the Territory are five and one half hours behind clocks in Newfoundland.

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Protect land to conserve soil

A light snowfall this winter has brought the problem of soil erosion to the attention of farmers in southern Manitoba more acutely than usual.

The department of agriculture's soils and crops branch has recommended that farmers take steps to protect their land against wind erosion in one of several different ways.

The shelterbelt system is one method which has proven strikingly effective, says J. M. Parker, chief of the soils and crops branch. It fits very well into the type of farming which is developing in southern Manitoba since, by reducing evaporation, it conserves moisture, and prevents soil abrasion damage to susceptible seedlings of many special crops.

Mr. Parker said his department has been promoting the use of field shelterbelts for the last four years by handling orders for trees which are supplied free from federal nurseries at Indian Head and Sutherland, and by splitting the cost of tree planting machines with municipalities. Orders for spring plantings, placed with agricultural representatives or directly through the soils and crops branch, are being accepted up to March 1st.

The farmer who lacks a shelterbelt on his land should at least lay a trash cover on his fields in the fall, sow cover crops, forage crops, or do strip farming. Soil drifting will occur even in snowy winters and often the action of drifting snow on heavier soils is enough to start the soil drifting.

City can afford wage hikes, Union many says

The City of Swift Current could afford to give its employees the 15 percent wage increases recently requested by the Civic Employees' Union without having it effect the millrate, Pat Lanahan, Union organizer, told members of the Union at their second annual banquet meeting held in the Legion Home here. The cost of the increase could be saved, he said, through better organization of departmental administration and the betterment of relations with employees. If workers are to give a full measure of effort, they have a right to be paid in accordance to their job-duties and at a rate that will maintain a decent standard of living, the organizer pointed out.—The Sun, Swift Current, Sask.

Peanut Sweet!

Slice it thin, butter it generously and watch it disappear! Here's a tasty nutsweet bread that's easy to make when you use Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast. If you bake at home, be sure to bake some soon!

Peanut Butter Bread

Work in additional 3 cups (about) once-sifted all-purpose flour

1. Scald 1 cup milk
Stir in 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2½ teaspoons salt
½ cup peanut butter
Cool to lukewarm.

X

2. Meantime, measure into bowl 1 cup lukewarm water
Stir in 2 teaspoons granulated sugar

X

Sprinkle with contents of 2 envelopes Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast
Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well.

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Stir in lukewarm milk mixture and 2 cups once-sifted all-purpose flour
and beat until smooth and elastic.

X

3. Turn out on lightly-floured board and knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl. Brush top with melted shortening. Cover. Let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk—about 50 minutes.

X

4. Punch down dough. Halve the dough. Let rest 15 minutes, then shape each half into a loaf. Place in greased loaf pans (8½ x 4½ inches, top inside measure). Brush with melted shortening. Cover. Let rise until doubled in bulk—a hot oven, 400°, 30 to 35 minutes. Yield—2 loaves.

X

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DUB HOSPITAL

BY S.H. EDWARDS

The residents of this municipal hospital district have, for a good many years, been more or less familiar with the plan under which it operated to provide hospitalization for them. The legislature of the Province of Alberta during the session of 1957 saw fit to make some wide changes in the plan so that it will conform, to a certain extent, with the plan under which the Federal Government will contribute to the cost of the hospitalization of all residents of the Dominion.

These changes will not be noticed to any great extent by the general public but will effect the municipalities and the municipal hospital districts in their operation of the municipal hospitals. These changes become effective on April 1st, 1958, and will continue for at least three months from that date, or until the Federal Government hospitalization agreement has been signed. Then some more changes will be made.

On and after April 1st, 1958, patients will have a free choice of hospital, limited of course "by the availability of beds and the right of the doctor to admit patients to any given hospital". This means that a patient may decide to go to any hospital in the Province of Alberta and engage any doctor so long as there is room for the patient in the hospital of his choice and his doctor is permitted to practice in that hospital. There is an angle about this arrangement which should be remembered by all residents of this municipal hospital district, which has provided the Bassano Municipal Hospital to serve them. If a resident of this hospital district elects to go to some other hospital, the municipality in which the patient resides will have to pay a daily charge to that other hospital for the use of its facilities. The payment will be known as the "patient day capital charge" and will be set out by the Department of Health for each individual hospital some time before March 31st. The municipalities which compose the municipal hospital district will also have to contribute towards the capital costs of their own hospital in addition to the above mentioned payments. They will, of course, collect the patient day capital cost charge from all patients who come from other hospital districts to use the Bassano Municipal Hospital.

We are told that "the responsibility for the expenses of the operation of the hospitals shall be borne by the patient, the municipality and the province". That, of course, is the way the municipal hospitalization plan works now and, under the present plan, the share of the cost borne by the patient and the province is fixed and definite with the municipalities comprising the municipal hospital district each paying a share of the remaining cost estimated by the hospital at the beginning of each year. Under the changed plan, however, the share of the cost borne by the patient and the municipalities is fixed and "the province accepts the responsibility for increase in costs which are reasonable and can be justified by the individual hospital".

The charge to be made to patients will be just about the same rate as applies under the present plan to ratepayers and contract holders and no difference will be made between those classes of patients and those who are neither ratepayers nor contract holders. The rates will be: Bassano Hospital, \$1.50 per day; Brooks Hospital, \$1.60 per day; Drumheller Hospital, \$1.80 per day; any one of the City Hospitals, \$2.00 per day. To qualify for those rates the patient (or the person responsible for the patient) must be "a person who has resided in the Province for a period of twelve consecutive months out of the twenty-four months immediately preceding the date of admittance to hospital" and "the person involved must be residing in the Province at the time he is admitted to hospital". It is also provided that "evidence of eligibility must be provided by the person applying for hospital benefits in the form of a signed affidavit which will be part of the admission form". That means that every person who uses a hospital in this province for himself or his dependents - even the Mayor of the Town or the Premier of the Province - will have to sign an affidavit that he is a qualified resident of the province before he can receive the benefit....

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...of the before mentioned rates. Persons who cannot qualify, that is non-residents of the Province of Alberta, will be charged a rate of \$11.00 plus the patient day capital charge for each day they are in the hospital.

The instruction received does not state anything definite with regard to maternity hospitalization but it is implied that the policy of "free maternity hospitalization" will be discontinued after March 31st. From then on the mother will be charged the same as any other patient and a charge will be made for the care of the baby at \$1.00 per patient day up to the day that the baby is 30 days old, after which date the baby will be treated as a "child" patient at \$1.50 per day. If the parents are not qualified residents of the province, the charge for the baby will be \$3.00 per day for the first 30 days and \$11.00 plus per day afterwards.

We are told that the province will be responsible for the charge of \$1.50 per day for "provincial social welfare recipients". That class of patients would include old-age pensioners who have received hospital and medical treatment cards and widows who receive mother's allowance. The Department of Public Health will also meet the hospital charge for poliomyelitis patients, patients whose hospitalization is authorized by the arthritis clinic and the hospital charge up to seven days for patients who have been approved for treatment by the cancer clinic.

The foregoing is a brief summary of the instructions received by our hospital from Mr. J.D. Campbell, who is Director of the Hospitals Division of the Department of Public Health, Edmonton, and also Chairman of the Hospital Insurance Planning Committee for the Province of Alberta.

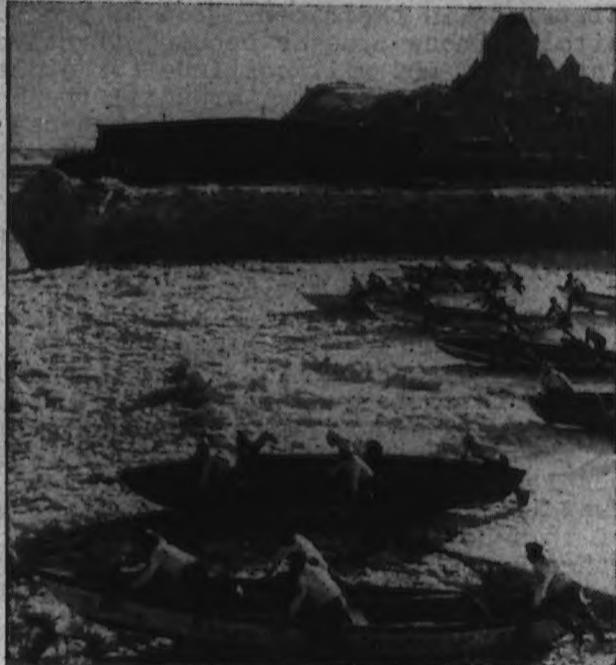
Canadian Weekly Features

Modern Voyageurs Compete in Ice Canoe Race

Cross Mighty St. Lawrence Hard Way



Most spectacular and colourful of the varied events which make up Quebec's Winter Carnival is the Ice Canoe Race across the mighty St. Lawrence River from Quebec city to the town of Levis. Last year, 60,000 watched this thrill-packed battle of skill and daring against swift currents, treacherous ice floes, biting winds and bitter cold. Separate races are run for "professional" and "amateur" ice canoe enthusiasts.



Amid the piercing echoes of the starting gun, the rumble of empty boats rattling over the crisp snow and the squeak of steel-cleated boots, crewmen race their canoes to the waterline. Spectators line the jetty to cheer them on.

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"Professionals" are men from the islands which dot the river around Quebec city and to whom the ice canoe is the traditional mode of transportation with the mainland. Above, 4 husky competitors from l'ile aux Grues.



Carnival Queen Michele Lacroix congratulates Liguori Lachance, captain of last year's winning team. Liguori and his four brothers who compose his crew are from the historic Ile d'Orleans. It was the third time the Lachance brothers had won the coveted trophy. Winning time for the arduous 2½ mile crossing: 28 minutes. Since water and weather conditions vary from year to year crews do not compete against past records.

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